Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to building and other construction workers who are Above Poverty Line (APL) and not covered under the ongoing scheme which is so far available only to the below Poverty Line (BPL) families.

Benefits under the scheme shall be the same as are under the ongoing RSBY for below poverty line workers. All building and other construction workers registered under the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Act, 1996, shall be eligible under the scheme.

The premium for the scheme shall be paid from the funds collected by the Welfare Boards constituted by the respective State Governments under the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. With the announcement of the Scheme, the initiative has now to come from the State Governments for its implementation.

Fifth Economic Census, 2005 regarding labour

1033. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether millions of Indian shifted to jobs in the retail trade, manufacturing and allied agricultural activities such as livestock, farming and fishing, according to the Fifth Economic Census, 2005 released on 29th of May 2008;

(b) if so, does this position relate to the period 1998 and 2005;

(c) whether this change in rural job-profile is on account of unremunerative crop prices or due to mechanization of agricultural operations; and

(d) the percentage of people solely engaged in agricultural operations as also of those employed in other rural activities as mentioned in part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Amendment to labour laws

1034. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend labour laws in view of economic liberalization;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Review/updation of labour laws is an ongoing process